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Agenda

Wednesday, May 1, 2:00-4:00pm

CCSA LA Office

E 1st St., Suite 1000, Los Angeles, CA 90012

- Engage in a conversation with Dr. Frances Gipson and Jose Cole-Gutierrez. - Hear updates related to the Facilities north star. - Discuss the LAUSD Superintendent decision (pending LAUSD Board announcement).
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	Welcome & Review Agenda	Emilio Pack	5 min
Background Materials for Review Prior to Meeting: Minutes from April 4 Meeting (Confidential)			

	Conversation with Dr. Frances Gipson & Jose Cole-Gutierrez		
	Engage in a conversation with Dr. Frances Gipson and Jose Cole-Gutierrez about the current state and future vision of charter authorization at LAUSD.	Emilio Pack Cristina De Jesus	40 min

	Facilities North Star		
	Provide LAAC members with updates and context regarding potential November bond, charter community bond proposal, and advocacy next steps including meetings with District stakeholders.	Ebony Wheaton	20 min
Background Materials for Review Prior to Meeting: Charter Community Bond Proposal (Confidential)			

	LAUSD Superintendent		
	If applicable, discuss the result of the LAUSD Superintendent search and impact on LAAC priorities. <i>Note: This agenda item will be removed if there is no announcement from the LAUSD Board regarding its selection of a new Superintendent.</i>	Emilio Pack Cristina DeJesus	50 min

	Recap of Agreements and Closing Thoughts	Emilio Pack	5 min
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CONFIDENTIAL – DO NOT SHARE
Minutes of LAAC April 2018 Meeting
 Wednesday, April 4, 12:00pm – 2:00pm
 CCSA LA Office

Present	<u>LAAC Members:</u> Vanessa Jackson (Collegiate), Emilio Pack (STEM Prep), Caprice Young (Magnolia), Yvette King-Berg (YPI), Valerie Braimah (City), Ted Morris (Endeavor), Oliver Sicat (Ednovate), Brian Bauer (Granada Hills), Irene Sumida (Fenton), Erin Studer (CHIME), Pam Magee (Palisades) <u>LAAC Members present via phone:</u> Cristina DeJesus (Green Dot), Marcia Aaron (KIPP) <u>CCSA Staff:</u> Cassy Horton, Jennie Shin, Chris Copolillo, Jason Rudolph, Ebony Wheaton
Not Present	Jackie Elliot (PUC), Mark Kleger-Heine (Citizens of the World), Parker Hudnut (ICEF), Ana Ponce (Camino Nuevo)

Reminders
Next LAAC Meeting Wednesday, May 2 2:00 – 4:00pm CCSA LA Office

Emilio opened by recapping yesterday’s LAUSD Board Meeting. Many LAAC members were present, as well as members of the Applicable Policies and Oversight working groups. We told the story that this working group worked. It’s time for us to take a little time to celebrate. We checked off a lot of boxes in our DRL north star. The board approved 6-0 (McKenna abstained) the working group’s recommendation including universal DRL. No more multiple versions of DRL within the same organization. And the CSD can no longer change DRL behind the scenes.
[Action Item]
Emilio led the group in reviewing important outcomes from yesterday’s LAUSD Board Meeting: - McKenna made a wide variety of comments during the discussion of the Superintendent’s recommendation regarding DRL and applicable policies, voicing concern about who was involved. Schmerelson also made comments about composition of the working group. - Ref introduced his proposed resolution at yesterday’s board meeting which would update the Policy on Charter School Authorizing via the charter schools collaborative. - After the meeting, we were notified that Ref intends to make changes to his resolution based on the concerns of McKenna and Schmerelson, broadening who is represented in the working group/collaborative. Ref is attached to these changes, but may be open to dropping the resolution entirely. - We need to decide on our approach to Ref’s resolution, given this new information. - Whip around:

- o Irene: Disappointing, especially after yesterday's high. If this is not going to be possible, encourage Ref to let it go.
- o Yvette: Agree – let it go.
- o Valerie: Has anyone circled back to Nick and Monica about this? Otherwise, kill it and take alternative back roads. Collectively strong arm them about remaining issues we have to solve.
- o Oliver: No thoughts, just got back from Japan.
- o Pam: I was there and felt positive, need to get caught up on the negative.
- o Erin: Agree with others.
- o Ted: Did we come in too strong? Too many charter people here who are too happy? (Emilio – Jose and Frances were thrilled that we were there and asked us to present. Also, we heard the feedback from board members last time around about being inclusive. We were inclusive, and we still heard complaints.) Questions about Ref's approach and mindset.
- o Caprice: Could he table this for 60 days?
- o Cristina: Kill it or see if there's a strategy to postpone it.
- o Marcia: So disappointing, bummer. Agree with others.
- o Brian: Agree with Cristina/Caprice.
- o Vanessa: Given the KPCC positive story, I think the optics are better if we table it rather than just kill it.
- Nick can't influence the resolution, but is committed to helping us however we need him to.
- If Ref's resolution is killed, we're left with existing policy. If we let it stand, would we have a better opportunity to move forward with the group we want? What if we just start having charter collaborative meetings according to the current policy, and invite the district? USC School Ed could help with the researcher requirement.
- Group agreed that supporting Ref's amended resolution is not an option.
- Discussion about what could happen if Ref pulls it or tables it. Could Vladovic (co-author) bring it back on his own? Anyone could bring it back. Is it more dangerous to table it than kill it completely? Maybe we should let Ref decide, letting him know that we won't support it with these changes. Could we include a footnote that he kills it if anything happens with his tenure, so that Vladovic doesn't own it on his own?
- How do we address renewal criteria? Suggestion to engage researchers and schools of education on this.
- Group agreed that we recommend that Ref kill the resolution.

[Action Item] Facilities North Star

Ricardo Soto (CCSA legal counsel) joined the call to provide an update:

- We have made the decision to end both the Prop 39 and Measure Q lawsuits based on where they are at procedurally.
- Prop 39 case – The facts in our case are so old, the efforts and changes we would have to make in order to keep the lawsuit current and active would be significant in terms of what we would need to invest. We've probably gotten as much as we can out of the Prop 39 lawsuit. Immediate victory in 2010, supreme court victory in 2015. We are making this announcement tomorrow because we have a court hearing scheduled for next week.
- Measure Q – We believed the district could not eliminate this funding based on another priority. The district had never made a binding commitment to fund charter schools. The court – about a year ago – found that there was no legal document that committed them to funding charter schools at the level that they said they would under Measure Q. We appealed to keep

some leverage on the district for the bond funding. After consulting with our attorney, he feels we have a low probability of winning the case, and the result could be very negative across the state in terms of bond funding. We decided to dismiss the appeal. We've learned lessons on Measure Q – do not commit to supporting bond funding without firm commitments to charter school funding.

- Can Monica – or someone from the district – be at the announcement? Vivian? This is a huge give. If we can give credit to Monica, and have her invested in what comes out of it, that seems to make sense.
- At yesterday's board meeting, both Monica and Nick commented that the working group worked, and it would be great to have a group work on facilities issues that need to be addressed. Monica called on Holmquist to work on long-term facilities.
- The group agreed to direct CCSA to update facilities advocacy plan based on recent developments at the District, and to coordinate speakers for the April 10 board meeting to call on LAUSD to work with the charter community on long-term facilities agreements given local momentum and recent developments related to facilities.
- Who can come on April 10 to speak to the board?
 - o Oliver, Vanessa, Valerie, Cristina, KIPP had already committed (not Marcia, but staff)
- Do we know district principals who would speak to the need for multi-year agreements to avoid the year-to-year churn?
- Pam: What about schools like us and Granada who are on district sites but still putting in a ton of money? Is this the meeting for that?

[Action Item] LAAC Membership

- Emilio: We talked at Conference about how we want this council to be very inclusive. We don't have many people who are going to roll off, which is great. But that doesn't leave a lot of room for new members to come on board. My recommendation is that we expand from 17 to 21. Not everyone can come to every meeting – we've learned that. Though we do have bylaws about minimum number of meetings that need to be attended.
- In what areas would we grow? What representation should be more robust? Partly about replacements for those dropping, but not entirely.
 - o We want people who want to be engaged and want to participate on this council.
 - o Relationships with Schmerelson and McKenna.
- Is the proposal 21, or up to 21?
- This group operates well with double digit numbers, which is unlike other governing boards.
- Caprice advocated for including a representative of the affiliated charter community.
- Jed encouraged the group to consider racial and ethnic diversity, as well as nonclassroom based school representation.
- Discussion about thinking of LAAC members as advisors and mentors to help expand presence.
- The group unanimously voted to expand the LAAC to up to 21 members.

[Action Item] CCSA Update

Cassy and Jed gave an update on statewide election work:

- CCSA Advocates endorsed Villaraigosa for the governor's race.
- LA is a critical piece of this race.
- We are trying to avoid a bad governor. Newson put in writing a moratorium on charter schools.
- We are going all-in on this.
- Some of the polls are wrong. Basically, it's neck and neck. Newsom has climbed so far to the left, he's left an opening.
- Grassroots matters a massive amount. We are trying to summon the collective to help us make

one call per kid.

- Three phone bank centers in LA – BD5, BD6 and downtown/BD2 area.
- We just did elections in LA, and we have tremendous assets here.
- We know that Charter Nation was incredibly effective for LAUSD elections. Charter Nation helps us with quality voter contact.
- The number of kids you have, divide by 25 – this is the number of 3-hr shifts you need to staff with volunteers from your community.
- Phone banking will probably be more of a focus than canvassing for this statewide race.
- Can we get something going in BD4? We have such a high concentration of involved parents coming out of Nick's campaign, and SpeakUP is there.

Closing

Emilio closed the meeting. The LAAC will meet again on May 2.